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SUBJECT: OCAM SEC GEN'S PRESS CONFERENCE PRECEDES OCAM FONMIN
CONFERENCE -- OCAMTEL II

1. OCAM SEC GEN FALILOU KANE, WHO ARRIVED MAURITIUS APRIL 21, HELD
PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 24, DAY PRIOR FORMAL OPENING FONMIN
CONFERENCE (SEPTTEL).

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2. KANE STATED POLITICAL TOPICS WOULD BE ESCHEWED UNTIL OCAM CHIEFS OF STATE MEETINGS BEGIN MAY 3. FONMINS WOULD, HOWEVER, DISCUSS ITEMS IN FOLLOWING DOMAINS :

(A) ORGANIZATIONAL: POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE AND TOWN PLANNING; FILM PRODUCTION CENTER TO JOIN OTHER OCAM- SPONSORED REGIONAL INSTITUTES.

(B) ECONOMIC: INDUSTRIALIZATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS; PRELIMINARY TALKS ON FUTURE EEC- AFRICAN RELATIONS. (IN THIS CONNECTION KANE ALLUDED TO AN EVENTUAL OPENING BY OCAM TOWARD ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA.) QUESTIONED ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF AIR AFRIQUE TO MAURITIUS, KANE CITED GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING LANDING RIGHTS FOR THIS LINE IN EAST AFRICA. WITH DEFERENCE TO HOST COUNTRY, KANE PROMISED REVIEW OF OCAM SUGAR POLICIES.

(C) SOCIAL: REFERRING TO TRAINING AND UPLIFT OF AFRICAN YOUTH, KANE CITED ENVISAGED OCAM PARTICIPATION IN 1975 FESTIVAL OF LAGOS, AS WELL AS OTHER SUCH AFRICAN CONFERENCES.

3. OCAM SECGEN DID HIMSELF ADDRESS TWO POLITICAL TOPICS: (A) OCAM- OAU RELATIONS WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS EXCELLENT AND MARKED BY MUCH COOPERATION. STRESSED HOWEVER, THAT SINCE OCAM REGIONAL, IT PLACED ACCENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LEAVING LARGE POLITICAL PRINCIPLES TO OAU WHICH REPRESENTS CONTINENT AS A WHOLE; (B) IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ON CONGO, SAID THAT COUNTRY WAS STILL MEMBER OF OCAM, SINCE CHARTER CALLS FOR ONE YEAR' S NOTICE BEFORE WITHDRAWAL BECOMES EFFECTIVE. SAID HE HOPED CONGO WOULD CONTINUE WORK WITH OCAM, AT LEAST IN ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.
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